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STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

The Applicant filed the above-identified patent application on September 10, 2003. To date, the Applicant has not received any notice of a formal examination of the above-identified patent application. Thus, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner, who is assigned to the above-identified patent application, inform the Applicant of the status of the above-identified patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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